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EDITORIAL

CIMARRON VALLEY TO THE FRONT.

It is patent to the thinking man that the dawn of a great future for the Cimarron Valley is close at hand. If one will but consider, there are manifold reasons for the above statement. In the first place, we have the water, the climate, and the land, which cannot be surpassed in fertility by any land in the United States, and very seldom equalled. In its chemical make up it is exceedingly rich in all those properties which make crops, being similar if not the same, to the land in Mareno Valley, where the Taos Indians have raised wheat, without rotation of crops, for the past three hundred years. Wheat is known to be an exceedingly hard crop on the land, impoverishing it very rapidly. How is that record for fertility? It can't be equalled in Illinois, Iowa or any of the middle west states, where people think land, buy land, talk land and make their livelyhood out of the land; where land culture is an exact science; where cultivation is carried on to a point of perfection, and where the proper fertilizer is scientifically applied with as much exactness and attention as is given to the baby's milk. Because of this attention to detail, to seed, to cultivate and to rotation of crops, the naturally rich lands of the middle west have become richer and the crops have resulted in enormous yields. This fact, taken together with the great demand, has raised the price of land in the states mentioned to such a high point, that it is almost beyond belief. Land in Iowa is worth anywhere from \$80 to \$100, \$150 and in parts, even \$300. With money at six, seven and eight percent, it is easily figured out that the crops raised on \$150 land must be enormous, in order to clear interest on the amount invested. In the middle west, a two hundred acre farm is considered quite a farm, but here is the trouble: A farmer with a large family, and the middle west farmer generally agrees with Roosevelt on the anti race suicide question, "does not know what to do with his boys when they grow up. All the land in Iowa, Illinois, and the other states, is owned by some one, and this some one knows the value of the land. The boys are farmers, but can't get a start in life because of the high price of land. Their fathers wishes to start them out, but land is too high for him to buy each of them enough to keep him, and he has too small a farm to divide up among them and still live himself. What is the result? What can be the result? The boys come west to farm. It is a fact that Texas lands drew the tide of immigration from Canada. The Pan-Handle has become settled, and the tide is still on, but has come to New Mexico and southern Colorado. It is coming to the Cimarron Valley.

The Citizen announced in its last weeks edition that a large tract of land had been opened up at Colfax, which was formerly known as Vermejo. Farming lands are now on the market. It is bound to. There is no other way out of it. In Colfax county are five great land companies engaged in opening up and selling it to settlers. In our immediate vicinity the French Land & Irrigation Co., the Farmers' Development Co., and the New Mexico Land Sales Co. are now all engaged in opening and settling up the Cimarron valley. And this beautiful section of New Mexico has become known throughout New Mexico and even further, because of the manner in which Colfax county has wakened up and taken hold of the matter of exhibits at Albuquerque this coming fall. But this is not only reason that the Cimarron Valley has become known. It is fast becoming known outside of the Territory because it is what it is; because the farmers and land lookers from the states who are coming to the southwest by the thousands, have, some of them, seen the possibilities of the valley. Good land is becoming a hard thing to get hold of. No one knows this better than does middle west farmer and the land seeker. But when good and plentiful water is added to the rich land, the combination is hard to beat with-

out our other advantages of superb climatic conditions being thrown in. Because the middle west and the east must have room for her younger men, and because the American man is an ambitious hard worker, there must be some outlet that promises returns. The southwest is the place, and of all the southwest, Colfax county is the best, and of the best, the Cimarron Valley is the cream. We have neither the extreme heat nor the extreme cold. Our winters are spicy enough, and the snow fall is heavy enough to regenerate both man and land; our sun is hot enough in summer to bring forth the finest of fine crops, while our summer nights are the glory of the world. We are one half mile from Heaven, and some times our climate makes us think that we have taken a step inside. We have the goods. Thousands are looking for the goods, and they are going to get them. We have the land, the climate, the water, the lumber, the material to make cement, brick, the coal, the copper, gold, silver and, above all, the men. Let us all get together and boost. Take a fresh start and boost again. It matters nothing what we boost. Whether we boost Cimarron, Dawson, Raton, Springer, Koehler, Colfax, Ute Park, the Cimarron Valley, Colfax county, or the Territory of New Mexico, it a matter of indifference. It will all come back to us, and an hundred fold. Speak a good word for every one and everything. We are bound to come to the front, but let us hasten this coming by everyone doing his part. Now is the time to get busy.

While the Citizen is for Cimarron first, last and always, and while it thinks that Cimarron is the coming city of Colfax county, and possibly of New Mexico because of its unequalled natural resources, still it firmly believes that anything that will aid in the development of Colfax county, and even of New Mexico, will also aid in the development of Cimarron. For these reasons, it pledges itself to help and aid any legitimate enterprise of any nature that will be beneficial to Colfax county.

ABOUT THOSE TREES

What are the citizens of Cimarron going to do about the tree planting that the Citizen has been advocating? An offer was made that any one can get all the trees they wish for a nominal expense. Trees can be obtained at cost by leaving your name with the Citizen. So far, not a tree has been spoken for. WAKE UP. For a few cents each, you can have all the trees you want. We will find some way to keep the stock penned up. There is a rather drastic law on the subject and one or two lessons will teach those who have so little interest for Cimarron's welfare at heart at heart, so why not plant trees? Spring is coming and now is the time to get busy. Let us show each other that we can get together and do something for Cimarron and for ourselves as well. WAKE UP.

The Citizen makes the following free offer. It will furnish every man, woman or child with all the free copies they may wish, if they will help boost Cimarron. Any one who will undertake to send out the paper to friends outside of the County, and pledge himself to do so, will have a chance to get the copies of the Citizen free. The Citizen will share with you the expenses of boosting Cimarron. We are all here to make Cimarron the town it deserves to be by reason of its natural resources. Now is the chance to show what you are made of. Be a CIMARRONITE. Be a booster. A little interest and work on your part may do an immense amount of good. Lets get together.

RECORDS GOES TO MONTANA

J. W. Records has left for Miles City, Montana, where has been called on business pertaining to the estate of Benj. L. Lampton, the father of Mrs. Records, who was an only child, and leaves somewhat of an estate in Montana. Mr. Records will endeavor to look after his wife's interests and get all matters settled before returning to Cimarron.

BUILDING NEW TOWN OF COLFAX

The new town of Colfax is going ahead in a remarkable manner. It has been but a short time since an application for the establishment of a postoffice was made, but the application has already been granted and the postoffice building is being erected. The stone for foundations and the lumber for the building have arrived and workmen are busily engaged on the job. It is expected that the office will be completed within two weeks and thrown open for business.

DECLARES REPORT FALSE

Mr. John F. Herberger called upon the Citizen the other day and emphatically denied the rumor, which has been published in Cimarron to the effect that his brother, Geo. Herberger, threatened to kill his father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Froelick. Mr. Herberger says that his brother did not pull a gun on the aged couple, as stated, and that the report is absolutely false.

POLICE WATCH DOG FIGHT; PRISONER ESCAPES

Grand Junction, Colo., March 16.—A dog fight in the fire station this afternoon attracted the attention of the city policemen who had just reached the building, which is also used as a jail, in charge of the assessor of J. Stewart, a D. & R. G. clerk, and while the minions of the law were watching the fracas, the prisoner escaped. The man is still at large and no clues are obtainable concerning his whereabouts. The attack was made on Stewart shortly after the order for the showmen to strike was posted. Howard Platt witnessed the assault and ran to the rescue of the clerk at which the thug turned and ran. He was captured later at the Pacific saloon.

PASTOR VISITS BARS AND INVITES DRINK MIXERS TO CHURCH

Sterling, Ill., March 16.—Bar habits of this city gasped and swallowed their cocktails the wrong way today, when the Rev. W. W. Diehl, in sober clerical garb, appeared among them. They choked still more when the minister, with a happy smile and a glad right hand outstretched, marched up to the mahogany and-shook hands with the "barkeepers."

This behavior of the clergyman proceeded a personal invitation to the bartenders to attend the Fourth Street Methodist church next Sunday morning, and hear a sermon on the error of their ways, with intimate pointers on how they can best free themselves from the drink thrall. The pastor visited every bar in town.

BURIED \$50; TOLD WIFE

Port Washington, Wis., March 16.—Edward Zinke, Jr., of Mequon, near this city, is convinced that Captain Kidd's method of keeping treasure is all wrong.

Edward buried \$520 in his garden. His wife told a neighbor's wife, who told another neighbor. When Edward searched for the money it had vanished. He accused the neighbor, whose name is Robel, and is brother-in-law to Zinke.

Robel insisted that he was innocent but paid the \$520 and \$50 court costs.

RAID GAMBLING JOINT—CONFISCATE WHEEL

Leadville, Colo., March 16.—Late last night Sheriff Bonner and a force of deputies made a raid on a saloon and dance hall of Martin and Martine and arrested ten men who were gathered about a roulette wheel.

All of the men, some of whom were prominent, were taken to jail and the gambling device and a sum of money was confiscated by the officers.

SHOOTS MAN POUND AT HOME WITH WIFE

Albuquerque, N. M., March 16.—G. F. Murray, a member of the New Mexico mounted police stationed at Ketter, N. M., a short distance west of here, today shot and killed a man named Jim Gorman, whom he says he found in a compromising position with Murray's wife. Murray immediately wired Captain Fred Fornoff of the mounted police and gave himself up to Mr. Fornoff here tonight. Murray brought his wife with him. A coroner's jury at Ketter disagreed as to a recommendation that Murray should be held to the grand jury.

NEW MEAT MARKET

DUCKWORTH & MARLING WILL START A NEW MEAT MARKET, BUILDING ALMOST READY.

There has long been a need for a properly conducted meat market here in Cimarron. A place where the choice cuts of prime beef could be obtained, and where all the many other choice meats and those things that are kept in a really first class shop could be obtained. Cimarron has had some very excellent shops, but the owners have been hampered with a lack of facilities and store room. Duckworth & Marling, the popular proprietors of the Oxford Hotel, are about to open up a first-class up-to-the-minute meat shop. They have built a neat little building at the rear of their hotel, and have fitted it up with all the necessary fixtures. They will keep the choice cuts of all kinds of meats, and by using their own ice house and monster refrigerator, the meat can be kept in the best of condition at all times.

Mr. Marling stated to the representative of the Citizen that the present building was intended more for temporary use than for any thing else. Said Mr. Marling: "We intend to erect another building this spring to the west of our present hotel. The building will be added on, and will be used as a part of our present hotel. We have fifty feet of ground to the west and the building will be about fifty by one hundred in the front part of the new building for a first class dining room. The kitchen will be to the rear. To the front of the building on the second floor, we will put in a very creditable ladies parlor, while the rest of the second floor will be devoted to bed rooms for the accommodation of our guests. We will put in an extensive cuisine, and it is our plan to make the hotel the best in Cimarron. To the rear of the new building, on the alley and facing the west, we may put in a room for our meat shop, if the business will warrant it."

That the meat shop will prosper stands without saying, because no one knows better how to meet the demands of their customers than does the firm of Duckworth & Marling.

Y. M. C. A. BOYS FLIRT? NEVER, SWEARS YOUTH, BUT JUDGE FINES HIM

New York, March 16.—"I'm a member of the Y. M. C. A., your honor, and they never flirt." That was the defense made today by Antonio Rossi, who, with Pietro Agelino, was arraigned for alleged flirting.

"They don't, don't they?" said the magistrate. "Well, guess a fine for both you and your friend will help along the work of the Y. M. C. A. to prevent flirting."

Patrolman Gleason, whose beat includes the College Point ferry, said he had repeatedly seen the two young men annoying young women going and coming from the ferry.

BANDITS SURPRISE DISARM POSSE HIDING IN HILLS

Coffeyville, Kas., March 16.—At 11 o'clock Monday morning three members of the Ochelata posse came upon the Tyro bank robbers on the bank of Candy Creek, eight miles south-west of Ochelata, where they were waiting for an oil lease cook to get dinner for them.

The posse were ordered to halt and throw up their hands. They complied at once. The robbers broke up the posse's rifles, took away their pistols and also one of their horses and then permitted them to depart unharmed.

After dinner the bandits fled further into the Osage hills. Tonight they are believed to be a short distance east of Big Heart, Oklahoma.

A posse of 150 is about to leave Big Heart hoping to surround the outlaws.

FUGITIVE JAILED FOR SENSATIONAL MURDER

Guthrie, Okla., March 16.—Abraham Rosenthal, wanted in Reading, Pa., where he is charged with having committed a sensational murder, is in jail at Perry, Okla. He was arrested at Billings last Wednesday. While admitting that he is the man wanted, Rosenthal denies that he committed the murder and says that he will go to Reading without requisition papers.

Will Frierich, manager of the Hamerslough Dry Goods company, has returned from an extended visit in New York city and Brooklyn.

HOLD CONVENTION

Republicans of Colfax County Adopt Resolutions and Elect Delegates

In pursuance to the call of the chairman, E. C. Crampton, of the Colfax County Central Committee, the Republican delegates of their respective precincts convened in a convention at Raton, last Saturday afternoon at the Court House.

The meeting was called to order by E. C. Crampton, and in the absence of the Secretary of the Central Committee Attorney H. M. Rodrick, O. A. Foster was chosen as temporary secretary. After the reading of the call for the convention, the chair was empowered to appoint a committee of three on credentials, consisting of J. Leahy, David Crow and Samuel Rames; a committee on rules and organization consisting of A. L. Hobbs, M. W. Mills and Daniel Sandoval; and a committee of three on resolutions consisting of C. O. Fisher, E. E. Studley and A. O. Foster.

The committee on permanent organization was the first to report, and

they recommended that the temporary organization be made permanent, and that the order of the meeting be as follows: Report of special committees, Selection of Delegates to represent Colfax County at the Territorial Republican Convention to be held at Silver City on March 21st. Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Colfax County was entitled to sixteen delegates to represent it, and the following men were chosen by the convention.

A. L. Hobbs, E. E. Studley, E. L. Carpenter, Marion Littrell, Thos. McBridge, J. C. Salazar, J. K. Hunt, T. H. O'Brien, Geo. H. Webster, Jr., H. C. Abbott, David Crow, M. W. Mills, Geo. T. Peart, C. M. Bayne, Frank Henning and Geo. E. Remley.

The convention adopted stirring resolutions commending President Roosevelt, denouncing trusts, and lauding Taft.

SCHOOL WILL EXHIBIT

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has an up-to-date school system, and that her population is as bright and learned as that of the best of the country. For this purpose, as well as for the purpose of benefit to the children themselves, a big exhibit of the work of school children will be given at the Colfax county building, which will be erected for the congress. Not to be out done, Cimarron school children are working every day on their exhibit. They will send in samples of drawing, make topographical maps out of paper pulp, exhibit maps showing the food and industrial products of the country by pasting on the map a portion of that product which is grown or manufactured, write essays and give specimens of penmanship, and in fact do all those things and make everything that is usually exhibited by schools. From some of the work already done, it is more than probable that little Cimarron will come out at the top to as great an extent as will their elders.

SEARCHED BLACKENED RUINS FOR BODIES OF FIRE VICTIMS

Natchez, Miss., March 16.—Today has been one of ceaseless activity for city officials and the volunteers engaged in searching the ruins of the Natchez Drug Company's five-story building which was wrecked yesterday by an explosion of gas causing the death of eight persons, and at nightfall the bodies of two of the victims had been recovered, Cleveland Laud, the chemist in charge of the laboratory, and Inez Netterville, one of the young women employed in that department.

While the city remains under martial law, with the two local militia companies patrolling the vicinity of the wrecked building, there has been no lawlessness.

\$15 GOLD IN EVERY PAN OF NEW STRIKE; FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Fairbanks, Alaska, March 16.—A remarkably rich strike has been made on Vault creek, on the Isabella group of claims. Five pans picked at random from four feet of gravel yielded an average of \$11.76 to the pan. One claim owner last year offered to bet \$10,000 that no pan taken from this ground would go less than \$15. Casey Moran of Fairbanks, who is wintering there, says the Vault creek may exceed the riches of Cleary creek, which has turned out over \$200,000 to date. He says this means that similar strikes on several other creeks are yet to be uncovered.

NEW YORK, March 16.—"So Miss Skinner of Boston says the 'co-eds' of Chicago dress like a lot of harlequins, does she?" said a fashionable dressmaker today. "And the college girls are to be taught to wear simple things, are they? Well, they'll all be college widows if they follow that instruction."

"Take it from me, with my experience of thirty years in telling the 400 how to dress, I have come to the safe and sane conclusion that it is better to look like a harlequin than a demi-tasse. Now, I don't think the University of Chicago 'co-eds' are

so much infatuated with the suffragette idea as to doff the things that adorn while they mercifully conceal."

"What do I mean by mercifully? Have you never been in Chicago? Don't you know that the tootsie footsie of the Chicago maiden fair is like a prize pansy bed—beautiful, but large? Shall the college girls of Chicago abandon those fluffy, fluted petticoats that they wear beneath their walking skirts, lest the spring breeze show mere man more than he ought to see? I think not. Why, half the attraction of a girl lies in the fact she is a mystery. Supposing for a minute that she discarded those fluffy things and wore—well, we'll drop this subject."

"So the ukase has gone forth that Windy city girls must wear corsets without any beautiful pink ribbons and minus all the charlotte russe effects that make a ruder on the open trolleys resemble a glad spring poem. Let me tell you: Personally, I prefer ribbon to twine, but I don't know how the men of Chicago feel. I will say this: If a woman tries to put a pall on women's dress, there's a reason."

"What's that?"

"Look at her photograph," said the dressmaker. "And another thing, Chicago girls may, or may not look like harlequins, but I'll tell you what New York girls look like—"

"Well?"

"Like expense," said the dressmaker, as she made out a bill.

ANNA GOULD'S PRINCE APPEARS IN LONDON

London, March 16.—Prince Helle de Sagan, who, it was announced, had arranged to go to America with Madame Anna Gould in order to plead for the consent of the Gould family to his marriage with the divorced wife of Count de Castellane, appeared in this city Saturday at a West End hotel, but disappeared again in an automobile, after sending a bouquet of flowers to one of his English women friends by one of the hotel porters to whom he gave a gratuity of a guinea. It has been suggested that the prince may have sailed on either the Campania or St. Louis.

Prince de Sagan has been a well-known figure in certain circles of London society in past years.

PARENTS HEAR FROM ELOPING DAUGHTER

Santa Fe, March 17.—Sheriff Closson yesterday received a letter from the county clerk of Las Animas county, Colorado, stating that Miss Delina Romero and Edward T. Jackson were married at La Junta Saturday. The couple eloped from Santa Fe Friday and until the letter was received from La Junta, no word of either had been received.

The letter was turned over to the parents of the bride and they are willing to give their blessing when the couple returns from Denver, where they are now reported to be.

Ashland, Ky., March 14.—Five men are reported drowned here today. The towboat Boaz from Pittsburg for Cincinnati, with a number of coal boats and a crew of thirty-five men, in a fog early today at Cattlesburg, struck an exposed pier. It is reported that several barges were sunk. A deckhand who escaped says he saw several men in the water and he believed that at least five had been drowned.